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1. CARGO CONGESTION ON AND BESIDE SILOS PIERS WAS FURTHER
REDUCED OVER WEEKEND, BUT POTENTIAL FOR PROBLEMS REMAINS.

2. IN ADDITION TO ALMOST 100,000 TONS OF GRAIN ON WAITING
VESSELS LISTED IN PARA 4 OF ALEX 0616, TWO NEW ARRIVALS HAVE
JUST TAKEN PLACES OF AMERICAN SHIPS VIRGO AND SANTA ANA. ONE,
GREEK FLAG AEGIS BRAVERY IS SHOWN IN LLOYD'S SHIPPING INDEX AS
HAVING LOADED AT MONTREAL (SO GRAIN IS PRESUMABLY CANADIAN).
ACCORDING TO PRESS, SHE ARRIVED ALEXANDRIA 15 JULY, WELL AFTER
WAITING SHIPS WITH PL-480 CARGO.

3. SECOND, SWEDISH FLAG BALTIC WASA WAS INDICATED AS LEAVING
CHICAGO 14 JUNE (BUT LATER LLOYD'S REPORT SHOWS HER LEAVING
QUEBEC ON 28 JUNE), SHE MAY HAVE PL-480 GRAIN ON BOARD.

4. BUT HOPEFUL NEWS WAS THAT THREE OF SHIPS CITED ALEX 0616 HAVE
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BEEN MORE EXPEDITIOUSLY HANDLED THAN USUAL BY BARGE UNLOADING AT
HARBOR ANCHOR AND AS OF 19 JULY WERE DOWN TO 4500 TONS ABOARD
SS YELLOWSTONE, 4,000 TONS ABOARD SS AEGIS BRAVERY AND ABOUT
1100 TONS ABOARD SS CAPTAIN YANNIS. THEREFORE MUCH OF THEIR
CARGO WAS EITHER ASHORE FOR TRUCKS OR EN ROUTE CAIRO IN RIVER
BARGES AND NOT RPT NOT TOTALLY A THREAT TO PIER SPACE.

5. PRIVATE SHIPPING SOURCES HAVE, HOWEVER, TOLD US THAT ABOUT 150,000 TONS IS DUE NEXT MONTH. IF ARRIVALS ARE NOT TOO CLOSELY SCHEDULED, AS HAD BEEN CASE THIS MONTH, AVAILABLE TRANSPORT CAN HANDLE THAT. NEVERTHELESS, SAME SOURCES ARE STILL YELLING FOR MORE TRANSPORT. FYI - MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT DID ORGANIZE IN LAST FEW DAYS CONSIDERABLE RAIL TRANSPORT WHICH NOW IN PORT AND ABOUT TO BE LOADED. END FYI.

6. MY CONCERN OF ALEX 616 THAT CRISIS WAS AT STAGE EMBASSY MIGHT THINK OF DISCUSSING TRANSPORT PROBLEM WITH MINISTRY OF DEFENSE HAS BEEN SLIGHTLY MODIFIED. CONGEN AND USAID OFFICER ASSIGNED ALEXANDRIA WILL MONITOR SITUATION ON DAILY BASIS FOR NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS.

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